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**1 - Stronger quakes shake Okla., Texas over the weekend, Engerywire, 12/10/13**

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/12/10/stories/1059991553>

Two areas where scientists suspect oil and gas activities may be causing earthquakes had some of their strongest shaking yet during the weekend.

**2 - Texas jury awards \$281M to family of man killed in oil field accident, Energywire, 12/10/13**

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/12/10/stories/1059991527>

The family of a man killed in an Eagle Ford oil field accident will receive \$281 million in compensation, a Texas jury decided last week.

**3 - On Eve Of CSAPR Suit, Eastern States Push EPA To Expand Ozone Group, Inside EPA, 12/9/13**

<http://insideepa.com/201312092455276/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/on-eve-of-csapr-suit-eastern-states-urge-epa-to-expand-ozone-group/menu-id-95.html?s=dn>

On the eve of Supreme Court oral arguments over EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) emissions trading program -- a flagship Obama administration plan to curb interstate air pollution transport -- eastern states are petitioning EPA to add nine states to a strictly regulated ozone region as a complement to CSAPR if the justices uphold the rule.

**4 - Texas Proposal for Greenhouse Gas Permits Stirs Debate on BACT, Emissions Inventory, BNA, 12/6/13**

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=38884021&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3y1k5y8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38884021&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3y1k5y8&split=0)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality proposed rules that would authorize the agency to take over greenhouse gas permitting in the state has drawn concern and multiple calls for an open discussion on pollution control standards.

**5 - Vitter Introduces Legislation to Clarify General Duty Clause of Clean Air Act, BNA, 12/9/13**

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=38884040&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e4b7f7p1&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38884040&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e4b7f7p1&split=0)

Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) introduced legislation intended to clarify "outdated and vague language" in the Clean Air Act by requiring the Environmental Protection Agency to issue a regulation and guidance "to ensure uniform enforcement" of the act's general duty clause.

**6 - Company nixes plan for Texas export terminal, E&E News, 12/9/13**

<http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2013/12/09/stories/1059991538>

Australia-based Ambre Energy Ltd. is canceling plans for a coal export terminal on the Gulf of Mexico amid a weak international market, records indicate. The Port of Corpus Christi, Texas, is proposing to accept Ambre's request to scrap a five-year lease agreement signed in 2011 for more than 14 acres.

**7 - BP says escort service filed false claim in Deepwater spill, Greenwire, 12/9/13**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/12/09/stories/1059991513>

A BP PLC ad launched this week claims an escort service filed a false claim to collect damages from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. The oil giant claims an unnamed escort service received a \$173,000 payout for lost business from the deadly oil spill, which dumped 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf Coast.

**8 - First oil flows through southern leg as official start to remain under wraps, Greenwire, 12/9/13**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/12/09/stories/1059991521>

TransCanada Corp. on Saturday began pumping its first oil through the Oklahoma-to-Texas pipeline that is the southern leg of Keystone XL, testing the project before service officially begins -- a date the company does not plan to relay in advance.

**9 - Agency plans to drastically scale back enforcement, Greenwire, 12/9/13**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/12/09/stories/1059991523>

U.S. EPA plans to conduct fewer in-person inspections and bring fewer cases against industrial rule-breakers over the next five years, the agency said in a recent document outlining its goals. The agency aims to carry out 30 percent fewer inspections and evaluations than the past five years. It will seek to initiate 40 percent fewer civil cases, and it will keep criminal goals mostly static with 2012.

**10 - Explo System's assets head to auction (video), KTBS, 12/9/13**

<http://www.ktbs.com/story/24162984/2013/12/07/explo-systems-assets-head-to-auction>

The highest bidders made off with what's left of Explo Systems Saturday morning. On Monday, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Stephen Callaway ordered Explo's movable assets be sold at public auction.

**11 - Editorial: Wetlands loss needs urgent attention, American Press, 12/6/13**

<http://www.americanpress.com/AP-Editorial-12-9-13>

Anyone driving down to Cameron and seeing the massive amounts of water just off the road won't be surprised to hear that loss of coastal saltwater wetlands more than doubled between 2004 and 2009, according to a report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**12 - Industry chief to meet McCarthy to discuss shale development, emissions , Greenwire, 12/9/13**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059991439/print>

The head of the U.S. natural gas industry's largest trade group will meet with U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy today on the eve of her trip to China, and discussion is likely to turn to shale development and climate issues.

**13 - Court so hear two challenges to clean air rules, Abq Journal, 12/10/13**

<http://www.abqjournal.com/317137/news/courts-to-hear-2-challenges-to-cleanair-rules.html>

A divided appellate panel is weighing arguments in a closely watched case that could narrow the "permit shield" that protects dischargers from citizen suits when they operate under a Clean Water Act (CWA) general permit, but the judges reviewing the suit appeared split during oral arguments, signaling the possibility of further appeals.

**14 - Editorial: Wetlands loss needs urgent attention, Chickasa News , 12/9/13**

<http://www.chickashanews.com/topnews/x389239929/Inhofe-expects-Obama-to-continue-delaying-Keystone-XL-pipeline-project#sthash.46lr6hA4.dpuf>

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe said he expects the Obama administration to delay a presidential permit for TransCanada Corp.'s Keystone XL oil pipeline as long as possible. In November, TransCanada postponed the start date for the \$5.4 billion pipeline into 2016. The pipeline will transport oil sands from Alberta, Canada, to storage facilities in Cushing.